

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia  
U.S.A.

Re: Application Serial No. 09/826,355  
Applicant: Dekang Lin and Patrick Pantel.  
Title: Discovery of Inference Rules from Text  
Art unit: 2654  
Examiner: Shortledge, T.  
Filed: April 5, 2001

This is further in response to the official action dated April 19, 2006.

**INTERVIEW**

Applicant Dekang Lin, agent of record Tony Lambert, examiner Shortledge and examiner Dorvil had a telephone conference call to discuss this case on August 3, 2006. Claim 1 and the MindNet reference were discussed. Examiner Dorvil invited the applicants to submit further argument that would show that claim 1 distinguishes the MindNet reference.

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1 -6 and 14-16 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Richardson et al. Claims 7 and 9-13 are rejected under 35 USC